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Title: FLOW CONTROL OF DATA UNITS ACROSS A  
BUS BRIDGE AND INTER-BUS  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Action dated February 28, 2002, the time for response to which is set to expire on **June 28, 2002** with a one-month extension of time, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

In the Claims:

Without prejudice, please amend claims 5 and 17 as below:

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein monitoring includes monitoring control signals on a primary Compact PCI bus and on a secondary Compact PCI bus.

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